

REMARKS

This response is being filed concurrently with a petition to revive this application for unavoidable abandonment. As demonstrated by the statements submitted with the petition, neither Applicants attorneys or anyone else associated with this application received or was aware of the Official Action dated September 13, 2005, until the undersigned was contacted by Examiner Dougherty on April 5, 2006.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that claims 1-8 and 14-21 are allowable, and that claims 9-13 would be allowable if amended to overcome the grammar error in claim 9.

The Action objected to claim 9 because original claim 9 contained two sentences. Claim 9 is amended to contain a single sentence.

Claims 2, 5, 10-15, and 18 are amended to correct grammar, punctuation and antecedent basis. Also the preambles of claims 10-13 are amended to refer to a vacuum system, consistent with the base claim 9 from which they depend. Claim 14 is amended to clarify that the placing, filling and curing steps can be part of the o-ring seal providing step, and are not required to be separate steps in addition to providing the o-ring seal.

In view of the foregoing amendments, applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fee associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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